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SUBJECT: EC RESTRICTIONS ON SOYBEAN MEAL USE

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1. COMMISSION OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES HAS APPROVED AS PART OF OVERALL AGRICULTURAL PRICE REVIEW, A SCHEME WHICH MAKES IT OBLIGATORY THAT ALL COMPOUND ANIMAL FEEDS INCLUDE 2 PERCENT NON-FAT DRY MILK. THE INCLUSION OF NFDM WILL BE SUBSIDIZED FROM 30 TO 40 UNITS OF ACCOUNT PER 100 KGS AND WILL BE A DIRECT DISPLACEMENT OF SOYBEAN MEAL, FISH MEAL AND OTHER SOURCES OF PROTEIN. THE SCHEME IS INTENDED TO MOVE 600,000 TONS OF NFDM INTO ANIMAL CONSUMPTION BETWEEN MARCH AND OCTOBER 1976 THIS WOULD DISPLACE ABOUT 500,000 TONS SOYBEAN MEAL.

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2. US OFFICIALS IN BRUSSELS AND EC CAPITALS HAVE ALREADY

MADE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS AGAINST THE SCHEME AS VIOLATING
EC DUTY FREE BINDINGS TO U.S. ON SOYBEANS AND MEAL
PLUS CREATION OF MIXING REGULATIONS THAT WOULD VIOLATE
ARTICLE III OF GATT.

3. IT WILL BE RECALLED SECRETARY BUTZ AND MINISTER OF
AGRICULTURAL PAULINELLI DISCUSSED MEANS OF COOPERATING
IN PROMOTING WORLD MARKET FOR SOYBEANS AND PRODUCTS. THIS
SITUATION PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR SUCH
COOPERATION. THE EC COUNCIL MUST APPROVE SCHEME BEFORE IT
BECOMES EFFECTIVE. SUCH APPROVAL EXPECTED IN NEXT MONTH
OR SO. YOU SHOULD CONVEY ABOVE TO APPROPRIATE WORKING
LEVEL OFFICIALS OF GOB AND SUGGEST THAT BRAZIL MAY WANT
TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS ON ITS OWN BEHALF TO EC BRUSSELS AND
IN MEMBER STATE CAPITALS.
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